

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Psychology hereby rescinds Chapter 239, “Administrative and Regulatory Authority for the Board of Psychology Examiners,” amends Chapter 240, “Licensure of Psychologists,” Chapter 241, “Continuing Education for Psychologists,” and Chapter 242, “Discipline for Psychologists,” and rescinds Chapter 243, “Fees,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments rescind chapters and rules that duplicate existing rules in 645—Chapters 4 and 5; eliminate outdated or duplicative language in the requirements for licensure; clarify the process and expand the options for curriculum evaluation of foreign-trained psychologists; accept examination scores received from the state of initial licensure for endorsement applicants; provide consistency in the administrative requirements for the certified health service provider in psychology; eliminate the jurisprudence examination requirement; require new licensees to complete six hours of continuing education in legal aspects of practice; require six hours of continuing education in ethical or legal aspects of practice for subsequent renewals; allow licensees to submit mandatory reporter training for continuing education credit; revise grounds for discipline to be consistent with changes in Iowa Code chapter 147; and provide for Web-based reporting of name and address changes by licensees.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on July 16, 2008, as **ARC 6931B**. A public hearing was held on August 5, 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building. Three comments were received that oppose the requirement of six hours of required continuing education in legal or ethical aspects of practice for licensed practitioners. Those comments included the following: continuing education hours should be used for new research and treatment/assessment information; individual practitioners should be allowed to decide which continuing education topics are most relevant to their practice rather than the Board’s mandating continuing education that may result in passive compliance on the part of licensed psychologists; and the number of mandated hours should be changed from six to three. One of the comments stated that the jurisprudence examination should be retained as a requirement for initial licensure in lieu of mandatory continuing education in legal and ethical issues.

The Board reviewed and discussed the comments, and did not make any revisions to the noticed rule amendments. The Board noted that providers of continuing education already provide a number of educational offerings in legal, ethical and risk management areas, and that there is likely a plethora of topics that would satisfy the requirement. The Board also noted that the areas of legal, ethical and risk management have broad applicability to licensed professional practice, and that prescribing six hours in these areas is reasonable, given the total of 40 hours of continuing education required each biennium for renewal of a psychology license.

These amendments were adopted by the Board of Psychology on September 3, 2008.

These amendments will become effective October 29, 2008.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154B and 272C.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [rescind Chs 239, 243; amend Chs 240 to 242] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 6931B**, IAB 7/16/08.

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